

REMARKS

New claim 14 is added herein. Claims 1-14 are pending and under consideration.

As a preliminary matter, it is noted that an interview was conducted between the Examiner and the Applicant's representative on December 2, 2008. The Examiner is thanked for his time and suggestions during the interview. The Examiner's suggestions have been adopted herein.

Independent claim 1 (used as an example herein) recites performing a main-scanning operation at a second predetermined resolution and speed in response to the stopping the pre-scanning operation. In contrast, Simske teaches scanning the entire document, and then returning to a selected area. Specifically, Simske first performs an interim analysis in order to identify interim regions 233. Simske, col. 5, ln. 38-40. Then, after the interim regions are determined, if the user wishes to perform a complete analysis on a select interim region, the user double clicks on this specific region. Simske, col. 5, ln. 57-60. In summary, the interim analysis is completed, stopped, an interim region is selected, and complete analysis begins. The complete analysis in Simske is conducted in response to double clicking by the user, not the stopping of the interim analysis.

Independent claim 14 recites the stopping the pre-scanning operation triggering the performing the main-scanning operation. Again, it is noted that the "triggering" of the complete analysis in Simske is selection by the user.

Furthermore, claim 2 recites said performing a pre-scanning operation comprises sensing a position of a starting portion of the main-scan area in which a document is positioned. In contrast, Lee teaches that the user selects the area of interest. Lee, col. 2, ln. 38-43. Thus, there is no sensing of the starting position.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

New claim 14 recites the sensing comprises automatic sensing. In contrast, Lee teaches a user selecting the area of interest.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.


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Respectfully submitted,

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